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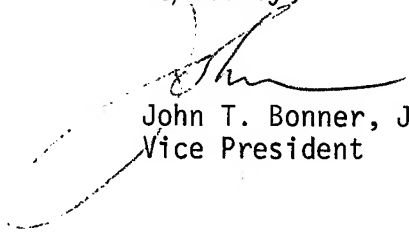
Dear Dick:

That was a masterful job you did before the annual joint meeting of the Columbus Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs. As I told you after your speech, standing ovations are great rarities with any Columbus audience; the last one I can remember was for a returned prisoner of war during an extremely emotional period. Your ovation was for a solid speech content as well as the ethos of the speaker. Ed Sloan, who has been a Rotarian nearly as long as you have been in the army, said that was the most prolonged ovation he can remember.

Your appearance has helped establish a more accurate and truthful image of the Central Intelligence Agency. You came off as the gentleman scholar you are. As channel 4, our NBC affiliate, headlined the clip about your speech "C.I.A. number two man comes off as good guy." (That was the young man in the moustache who last interviewed you.) Under separate cover, I am sending you tear sheets from the local papers. Perhaps the most amazing fact is that anti-establishment bastion, the student newspaper, gave you one-fourth of the first page. For the Lantern the story is not that bad. You pushed local speeches by Bill Saxbe, John Glenn, and Bill Seidman to pages two and three.

Betty was delighted with the beautiful roses but it was the two of us who were honored by your company and it was the two service clubs who will be forever in your debt for taking time from your demanding schedule and braving the temporary turbulence to be with us. Betty and I will let you know when next we will be in Washington because we want to continue the new friendships we have found.

Cordially,


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Dear General:

On Monday, February 17, 1975, the Downtown Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Columbus, Ohio will hold their annual joint meeting. This important occasion brings together over 800 of the business, professional, and opinion leaders of the metropolitan Columbus area.

Since this year's topic is "Military Affairs," I immediately thought of the superb talk you made at the last Civilian Aides Conference. The program committee of both clubs were enthusiastic in their endorsement of you as the speaker for this important event. A thirty minute unclassified discussion of the military significance of world events would be appropriate and appreciated. I would hope you would even include the story of the green lasagne at the remote restaurant in Italy.

Our meetings are held at noon. You could, therefore, leave your desk at mid-morning and be back in Washington by late afternoon. Or, if you could spare the time, perhaps I could tempt you to stay over for an informal supper where I could break out the bottle of Chambertin '61 I have been saving for such a distinguished gourmet.

Other speakers at Rotary this year have included the Ambassador from Iran, the President of the National Association of Manufacturers (a USMA grad), the President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and a distinguished Broadway Playwright. Secretary of the Army Callaway can testify to the friendliness of Columbus audiences and the fairness of Columbus' media.

I hope you can be with us on February 17.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of John T. Bonner, Jr.]
 John T. Bonner, Jr.
 2nd Vice President

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